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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 FOR THE 2015 SUCCESS IS
OUR FUTURE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department is seeking approval to fund expenses incurred at the 2015 Success is Our Future Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony which will be held on May 14, 2015, at the Almansor Court in the City of Alhambra.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to work with the Director of Internal Services to allocate a not-to-exceed purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 for food and related costs for the 2015 Success is Our Future Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony (Ceremony).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) to work with the Internal Services Department (ISD) to allocate a not-to-exceed purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 for food and related costs for the Ceremony. Board approval is required for incidental expenditures in excess of \$5,000 (L.A.C.C.5.40.097).

The Ceremony will provide resources, networking opportunities and financial support to older youth, which will improve self-sufficiency outcomes and assist them as they move forward into college and ultimately, higher education. The Ceremony is an annual event that is part of the State mandated

System Improvement Plan (SIP) goals, which include increasing permanency and self-sufficiency for transition-aged youth. It has assisted many youth in not only graduating from college, but going on to achieve even higher degrees. The main focus of the Ceremony is to acknowledge, celebrate and reward the academic achievement of Probation foster youth in Los Angeles County and honor these youth with scholarship and monetary awards for college. Invited guests include representatives from the Superior Court, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, and group home providers, parents, and friends. Highlights of the Ceremony include talents displayed by current and former Probation foster youth, guest speakers, presentations of scholarships and media presentation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1 Operational Effectiveness and Goal #3 Integrated Service Delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total cost of the Ceremony is \$30,000. Sufficient funding is included in Probation's Placement Bureau budget and no additional net County cost is required. Approximately 58% of the costs will subsequently be claimed against Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The estimated expense of \$30,000 exceeds the \$5,000 threshold for incidental expenses; therefore, the item must be approved by the Board. The Ceremony is necessary to fulfill the strategies and goals of the State-mandated and Board-approved SIP. The State provides CWSOIP funding with the expectation that the counties will use the funding in order to successfully complete the goals with effective results.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will allow Probation to meet the State mandated SIP goals.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry Powers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JERRY E. POWERS

Chief Probation Officer

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c: Executive Officer
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel